



## **“Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas”**

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This guidebook provides color photographs and information on 49 species of highly invasive plants affecting aquatic and terrestrial natural areas in the mid-Atlantic region (i.e., Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia). The intent of the publication is to increase public awareness about this extremely important issue that threatens our environment, our economy and human health. Selection of plants for this publication was based on information provided by authorities from various state and federal agencies and non-governmental organizations. Many of these are popular plants frequently used for landscaping, roadside plantings, restoration projects, and other purposes.

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The manual includes an introductory section explaining the invasive species problem, write-ups on each species organized by type of plant (i.e., aquatic, herb, shrub, tree, vine), a glossary of terms used, references, and sources for more information.

Information on targeted species includes:

- Native origin
- History of introduction and ecological threat
- Description, biology, and method of spread
- Distribution and habitats impacted
- Prevention and control
- Look-alike plants
- Native alternative plants

The majority of the content of the guide was obtained from the Plant Conservation Alliance, Alien Plant Working Group's "Weeds Gone Wild" website, at: <http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien>.

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